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**Harris County
Juvenile Probation Department**

Annual Report

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DEDICATION

The Harris County Juvenile Probation Department's **1980 Annual Report** is respectfully dedicated to William F. Bull, a gentleman whom we will sorely miss. Mr. Bull possessed an envious combination of characteristics: a keen intellect; a warm, compassionate humanitarian attitude that embraced those who knew him; an ability to take the wider view of trends and events; and an appreciation and knowledge of history combined with a futuristic thought process. Modest and humble about his endowed gifts, his interests were many: poetry, music, politics, environmental issues, and above all, people. A deep abiding faith manifested itself in his relationship to his Family, Church, Community, Nation and to our Department.

Harris County Judge and Commissioners



Honorable Jon Lindsay, County Judge



Tom Bass, Precinct 1



Jim Fonteno, Precinct 2



Bob Eckels, Precinct 3



E. A. "Squatty" Lyons, Jr., Precinct 4



HARRIS COUNTY JUVENILE BOARD

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Judge Criss Cole
315th District Court

Judge William M. Hatten
176th District Court

Judge William Kilgarlin
215th District Court

Judge Wells Stewart
308th District Court

John A. Cocoros
Chief Juvenile Probation Officer

TO: Harris County Commissioners Court
Harris County Citizens

RE: Transmittal of 1980 Annual Report

Pursuant to Article 5139VV, Section 5 (b) of the Texas Civil Statutes, the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department's 1980 ANNUAL REPORT is hereby transmitted to the Commissioners Court. The 1980 ANNUAL REPORT provides an overview of the Department's activities and accomplishments as governed by the Harris County Juvenile Board.

As Chairman of the Board and as County Judge, I commend the Harris County Commissioners Court, the members of the Juvenile Board, the citizens of Harris County and the staff of the Juvenile Probation Department for their continued support, effort, and interest in providing the best services possible for troubled children and their families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jon Lindsay".

Jon Lindsay
Chairman
Harris County Juvenile Board

John A. Cocoros
Chief Officer
Director of Institutions



R. V. Engels
Asst. Chief Officer

Juvenile Probation Department

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TO: The Citizens of Harris County

RE: Transmittal of the Harris County Juvenile Probation
Department's 1980 ANNUAL REPORT

The Harris County Juvenile Probation Department is primarily responsible for providing direct and indirect services to children charged with delinquent or status offenses. The following report details these services.

From a broader perspective, however, our concern extends to all troubled children and families in Harris County. In this regard, we participate in a growing network of public agencies and private organizations working together to reach and serve all our children in need. Within this cooperative network, we share in community services planning, promote public awareness, and act as a clearinghouse of research and information on juvenile delinquency and the juvenile justice system.

I wish to thank the excellent staff of the Department, the volunteers, the distinguished members of the Juvenile Board and Commissioners Court, and the many friends of this Department, both professionals and private citizens, for the support we have enjoyed this past year.

Respectfully,

John A. Cocoros
John A. Cocoros
Chief Juvenile Probation Officer



313th District Court
Judge Robert L. Lowry



County Judge
Honorable Jon Lindsay



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HARRIS COUNTY JUVENILE BOARD



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Judge Wells Stewart

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF THE JUVENILE BOARD*

JUDGE ROBERT B. BAUM **314th District Court of Harris County**

Judge Robert Baum received his law degree (Juris Doctor) from South Texas College of Law, Houston, in 1965, and practiced civil, criminal, and family law for 14 years. He was appointed Judge of the 314th District Court in 1979 by Governor William P. Clements, Jr., and was elected to that bench in 1980. Judge Baum is a member of the Family Law Sections of the Houston Bar Association and the State Bar of Texas, and is also a member of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges.

Judge Baum is vice-chairman of the Harris County Juvenile Board, serves on the advisory board for the Harris County Juvenile Court Volunteers, and also on the advisory committee of the Harris County Tri-Board. He is a member of the Executive Board of JIMS (Justice Information Management System of Harris County), and is also a member of the "Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect" (SCAN) coordinating committee for the Exchange Club.

He has been a leader and an active worker with children and adults in the community, coached youth baseball for many years, and is active in his church and in civic organizations.

Judge Baum taught law at South Texas College of Law and also at the Houston Community College where he further serves on the Real Estate Advisory Committee. He is a sports enthusiast, an avid jogger, and a long-time member of the downtown YMCA where he has served on the Board of Management.

JUDGE CRISS COLE **315th District Court of Harris County**

Judge Cole was appointed to the Bench in 1971. He received his bachelor's degree and law degree from the University of Houston. Judge Cole served in the Texas Legislature as a State Representative from 1955 to 1962 and as a State Senator for the State's most heavily populated senatorial district from 1962 to 1971. He is State General chairman of the Texas Society for the Prevention of Blindness, a member of the Advisory Board of the Texas Treatment Center for Autism, Chairman of the Mental Retardation Section of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, and a member of the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Lions Club, Houston Bar Association, and State Bar Association.

JUDGE WILLIAM M. HATTEN **176th District Court of Harris County**

Judge Hatten has presided over the 176th Criminal District Court since 1971. From 1964 to 1971 he was a domestic relations court judge. Judge Hatten was actively engaged in the practice of law in both State and Federal Court from 1935 to 1964. He was a member of the Harris County-Houston Ship Channel Navigation District from 1960 to 1964. Judge Hatten is presently active in many civic, fraternal, and religious organizations.

JUDGE WILLIAM W. KILGARLIN **215th District Court of Harris County**

Judge Kilgarlin was appointed to the Bench in 1978 by Governor Dolph Briscoe. Judge Kilgarlin, a native Houstonian, was educated in the Houston Public Schools and received a B.S. degree from the University of Houston in 1954 and an LL.B. degree from the University of Texas in 1962. He served as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Artillery, 1955-57. He was a member of the Texas Legislature from Harris County, 1959-61, and served as Harris County Democratic Chairman, 1962-66. As a practicing attorney, Judge Kilgarlin was active in Juvenile Court work.

JUDGE JON LINDSAY **County Judge of Harris County**

Judge Lindsay has been Chairman of the Juvenile Board since 1975. He is presently serving his second term as County Judge and presiding officer of Commissioners Court. Judge Lindsay graduated from New Mexico State University and was a civil engineer before beginning his public service career. He believes that his greatest challenge is to balance the needs of troubled youth with the ability of the taxpayers to support expanded services.

JUDGE ROBERT L. LOWRY

313th District Court of Harris County

Judge Lowry was appointed Judge of the Juvenile Court of Harris County in 1965 by Governor John Connally and took office January 1, 1966. In 1977 he was appointed Judge of the 313th District Court by Governor Dolph Briscoe. He attended Southern Methodist University, Delta State College, and received his Doctor of Jurisprudence degree at the University of Houston Law School. Judge Lowry also attended the National College of Juvenile Court Judges in 1967, the Juvenile Judges Court Institute in 1968, and the National College of State Trial Judges in 1971. He was admitted to the State Bar of Texas in 1951.

Judge Lowry is a former Mayor of Hilshire Village (two terms), City Attorney of Hilshire Village for six years, and former member of Harris County Mayors and Councilmen Association. He is a former executive board member of the Community Council and a member of the Mental Health Services - Advisory Council of St. Joseph's Hospital. Judge Lowry was the Chairman for the Continuing Education Committee for Juvenile Court Judges in the State of Texas for two years and Former Member Advisory Committee, Chief Justice Task force for Court Improvement. He was also chairman of the Governor's Juvenile Justice Conference Committee. He was instrumental in the creation of a New Juvenile Code for the State of Texas. He was also instrumental in setting up an automated system for the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department and the Harris County Juvenile Courts. Judge Lowry was selected to appear in Who's Who in Texas 1973-74; selected to appear in Outstanding Americans in the South in 1975; and selected to appear in Who's Who in American Law in 1977; and selected to appear in Who's Who in Houston 1980.

JUDGE WELLS STEWART

308th District Court of Harris County

Judge Stewart has presided over the 308th Civil District Court of Domestic Relations since 1970. He received his B.B.A. from Princeton University in 1954, his L.L.B. from the University of Texas Law School in 1958, and his P.M.D. from Harvard University in 1962. From 1958 to 1959, 1961 to 1963 and 1966 to 1968, Judge Stewart served as an Assistant District Attorney in Harris County. He was in private practice from 1960 to 1964. In 1969 and 1970 he served as a County Criminal Court Judge. In 1957 he was the Director at the University of Texas Law School. He was Chairman of the Board at Stewart Title Guaranty Company from 1957 to 1963; Director of the Houston Junior Bar Association in 1959; Director of Goodwill Industries from 1960 through 1970; Director of Home Savings and Loan Association from 1963 through 1966; Director of Community Savings and Loan Association from 1964 through 1965; Director of the Board of Regents at Texas Southern University from 1966 through 1977; Director of the Houston Association of Big Brothers from 1971 to 1974; and Vice-President of the Houston Youth Symphony and Baller from 1970 through 1974 and currently active through 1980.

*Biographical sketches are arranged in alphabetical order.

Duties—Juvenile Board; District Court Judges, Juvenile Trial Division; Referee

JUVENILE BOARD: DUTIES

The Harris County Juvenile Board consists of the County Judge as Chairman, the three State District Judges having juvenile jurisdiction, a State District Judge having family jurisdiction, a State District Judge having criminal jurisdiction, and a State District Judge having civil jurisdiction. Meeting monthly, this Board has the following statutory duties (paraphrased): approves the annual budget and submits to Commissioners Court for final approval; makes an annual written report to the Commissioners Court concerning the operation and efficiency of the Probation Department; investigates the operations of the Probation Department; subject to approval of the Commissioners Court, establishes a general personnel policy for the employees of the Department; and directs whether the District Clerk or Chief Juvenile Probation Officer shall receive and disburse Child Support payments.

DISTRICT COURT JUDGES, JUVENILE TRIAL DIVISION

Under Title 3, Section 51.01 of the *Texas Family Code* the State District Courts having juvenile jurisdiction effectuate the following public purposes: "to provide for the care, the protection, and the wholesome moral, mental, and physical development of children coming within its provisions; to protect the welfare of the community and to control the commission of unlawful acts by children; to remove from children committing unlawful acts the taint of criminality and the consequences of criminal behavior and to substitute a program of treatment, training, and rehabilitation; to achieve the foregoing purposes in a family environment and to give him the care that should be provided by parents; and to provide a simple judicial procedure through which the provisions of this title are executed and enforced and in which the parties are assured a fair hearing and their constitutional and other legal rights recognized and enforced."



VERONICA E. MORGAN

Referee

Veronica E. Morgan was appointed to the Office of Referee in February 1980. Prior to being appointed Referee for the Juvenile Division of the Harris County District Courts, she was Chief Prosecutor of the 315th Juvenile District Court. She received her bachelor's degree from Tennessee State University, attended University of Cincinnati Law School and received her Juris Doctorate Degree from Texas Southern Law School.

She is licensed to practice before the Texas Supreme Court, the Federal Court for the Southern District and the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. She is a member of the advisory board to the Greater Houston Safety Council, the Judicial Advisory Board of the Texas Para-Legal School, the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Advisory Committee, and serves on the Advisory Board to the Youth Services Task Force of the Human Resources Department.

REFEREE: DUTIES

The Juvenile Board appoints the Referee to conduct detention hearings prior to court action, pursuant to Section 54.01 of the Texas Family Code. Subsequent hearings are held every ten days when a determination to detain has been made by the Referee. A child must be released from detention by the Referee unless it appears that his/her detention is warranted under 53.02 subsection B which describes specific requirements reasonably necessary to insure the child's appearance at later proceedings.



JOHN A. COCOROS
Chief Juvenile Probation Officer

Mr. Cocoros has served as Chief Juvenile Probation Officer and Director of Institutions in Harris County since January, 1980. He earned his bachelor's degree in Psychology from Maryland University in College Park, Maryland, and received his MSW from Howard University in Washington, D.C.

He served as Chief Juvenile Probation Officer with the Dallas County Juvenile Probation Department from January, 1979 to December, 1979. He was employed by Sam Houston State University, Texas Criminal Justice Center, as Associate Professor and Program Director of Continuing Education from September, 1971 to January, 1979. He was with the National Council on Crime and Delinquency as the State Director for Texas from September, 1968 to August, 1971, and as State Director for Oklahoma from April, 1964 to August, 1968. Mr Cocoros served with the Ohio Youth Commission from June, 1960 to April, 1964 as Chief of Community Development.

Mr. Cocoros serves as Consultant for the American Correctional Association where he has written numerous articles and studies. He also served as Consultant to the sub-committee to investigate juvenile delinquency with the Committee of the Judiciary in the U.S. Senate, as Consultant to the Senate Youth Affairs Committee for the State of Texas, and was Consultant to the President's Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Justice.

He is a current member of the Texas Correctional Association, the American Correctional Association, the National Association of Social Workers, the Texas Center for the Judiciary, and the Texas Probation Association.



Roger V. Engels

Assistant Chief Juvenile Probation Officer

Roger Engels came to the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department in May, 1976 as Deputy Chief of Administrative Services. He became Assistant Chief Juvenile Probation Officer in January, 1979.

Mr. Engels completed his under-graduate studies in Business Administration and Economics at Middle Tennessee State University. He received his graduate degree in Criminology/Corrections from Sam Houston State University.

During Mr. Engels' 15 years of work in the field of juvenile corrections, he was responsible for the development of Texas Boys Ranch, Inc., in Lubbock, Texas, where he served as the Executive Director of that facility. He worked as Executive Director of the Governor's Council on Criminal Justice in Florida, and as Associate Director of the Delaware Law Enforcement Planning Agency for the State of Delaware in the late 1960's.

Deputy Chiefs



From left to right:
Donna Shults, Deputy Chief, Administrative Services; Bernard Hunter, Deputy Chief, Intake Court Services; Robin Pledger, Deputy Chief, Field Services; and John Peters, Deputy Chief, Institutions.

1980 HIGHLIGHTS

Staff Commendations

The Harris County Juvenile Probation Department has cited meritorious service of certain staff members by selecting and acknowledging the most outstanding Juvenile Probation Officer, Staff Services person and Administrator during 1980.

In 1980, the *Probation Officer of the Year* was Virginia Hendricks, and the *Staff Services* award was presented to Pat Mosley. Donna Shults, Deputy Chief of Administrative Services, received the first *Boss of the Year* award.

Volunteer/Intern Services

Volunteers and interns contribute greatly to the child service delivery system of the Department. Volunteers from groups such as Juvenile Court Volunteers (JCV), the Junior League, and the Voluntary Action Center, along with interns from nine universities, have provided many valuable hours of service. The program illustrates the overwhelming contribution which volunteers make to this Department.

JCV is a private non-profit organization which operates at the invitation of the Probation Department. JCV recruits, screens, and trains volunteers from the community to serve as non-authoritative, positive role models for children who might benefit from a relationship with a concerned adult. In 1980 an average of 115 JCV volunteers actively worked with the children each month. These volunteers served over 4,234 children during the year in the following program areas: 1) one-to-one assignment in the community, 2) visitation assignments at the Juvenile Detention Home and Chimney Rock Center, and 3) groups in the Juvenile Detention Home Media Center.

Staff Development and Training

The Professional Staff Development Unit is responsible for the training activities of the Department. This has been accomplished through academic and other self-improvement training activities such as: **Team Building** workshops, the **Alcoholism Among Adolescents** training, a **Community Resource** workshop, an **Assertiveness Training** workshop, the **Sexual Abuse of Children** forum and finally, the **Single Parent** workshop. The benefits of this training can best be seen via the enhanced work quality of our staff.

Community Activities of Staff

The Public Affairs Committee provides increased reliable visibility for the Department in the community. Members of the committee coordinate and disseminate information pertaining to juvenile probation; serve as liaison support to other agencies; and promote cooperation among community agencies in an effort to provide comprehensive services to Harris County youth. The newsletter was increased to six issues yearly.

Child Support Enforcement

The Enforcement program achieved notable recognition in 1980 for program operations and increased child support collections (30% over 1979). The Federal Department of Health and Human Resources cited the Enforcement division for its "exemplary" management in March, 1980.

Forensic Clinic

The Forensic Clinic, consisting of seven MHMRA staff members, became fully operational at Harris County Juvenile Probation in March, 1980. The Clinic provides Court ordered evaluations and evaluations to aid probation in treatment as well as placement planning. In 1980, approximately four hundred youth were served by the Clinic. This Department contributed \$114,000 out of its budget toward the Clinic's development and the balance of subsidies stemmed from other sources within MHMRA's budget.

Needs Assessment Study

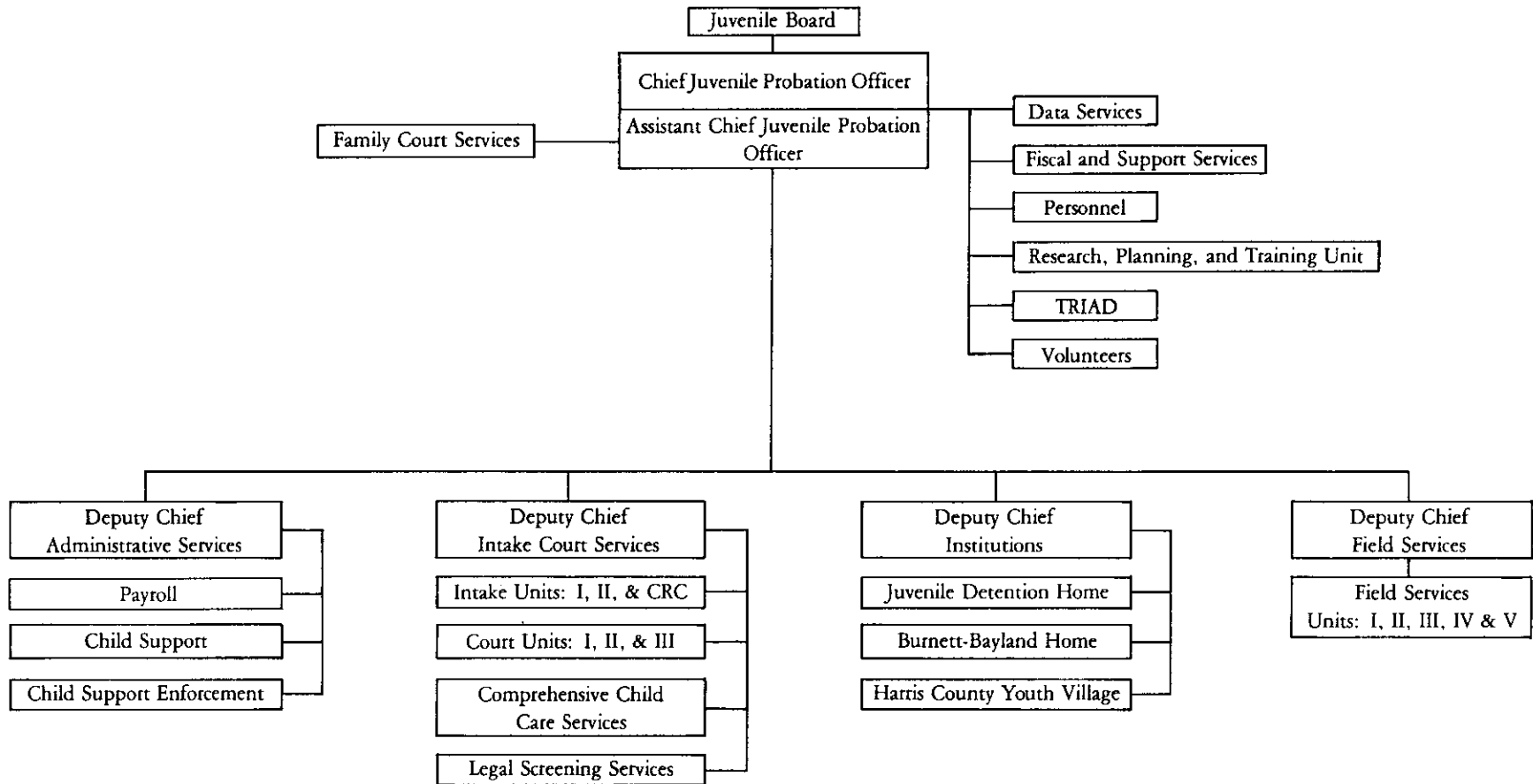
The Harris County Juvenile Probation Department placed a significant number of children in out-of-the-home residential placements during 1979. Because of the number of children requiring said placements, the Juvenile Board of Harris County and the Department's Administration recognized the need to assess the placement needs of the Department. Thus, an assessment was made of the private and public facilities and resources available to the Department at the time, and various placement needs were identified.

This study was designed to identify the type of placements needed by children referred to this Department. The criteria for placement were identified and verified by members of Intake Screening, Court Intake, Field and Placement Divisions. This study has led to the development of intradepartmental, as well as inter-agency committees who review, and cause existing services to be redirected, if necessary, to better meet the placement needs of the children referred to this department and to other child-care agencies in Harris County. Two primary needs are presently being studied: 1) the more appropriate use of the County's Burnett-Bayland Home and 2) the special needs of the hard-to-place child with multiple problems.

ORGANIZATIONAL STATEMENT

The Harris County Juvenile Probation Department is a diverse human resource agency providing services to children and families residing in Harris County. The Department's direction and policy are formulated by the Harris County Juvenile Board (comprised of six District Court Judges and the County Judge) and by the Harris County Commissioners Court.

The Chief Juvenile Probation Officer has the expressed responsibility for all functions of the eight accounts within the Department. A description of the activities within these eight accounts follows the organizational chart of the Department. The Assistant Chief Juvenile Probation Officer has the task of supervising the daily operations of the Department through the Deputy Chief of Intake Court Services, the Deputy Chief of Administrative Services, the Deputy Chief of Field Services, and the Deputy Chief of Institutions. With a 1980 expenditure level of \$11,131,207 and 465 personnel, the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department has been responsible for thousands of children and families in Harris County receiving social, moral and legal benefits that enhance their quality of life, and ultimately that of the entire community.



**ORGANIZATIONAL CHART
HARRIS COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT**

DESCRIPTION OF ACCOUNTS

Family Court Services

Family Court Services is primarily concerned with preparing accurate and timely written and verbal reports related to adoption and custody investigations for the Family District Courts. Family Court Services also procures emergency placement (long and short term) for those children who have been remanded to the various Courts' custody.

Although the large majority of referrals come from the nine Family District Courts who hear divorce cases, a number of referrals are received from the Probate Courts as well as the three Family District Courts, Juvenile Trial Division. Home investigations are conducted for out-of-County agencies on a reciprocal basis.

An increasing number of children were placed in legal custody in 1980 on cases pending final hearing in disputed child custody cases. The growing need for placement facilities led to present contractual arrangements with De Pelchin Faith Home. Twenty children were placed in legal custody in 1980. The majority of these children were allowed to remain in homes of relatives under supervision of Family Court Services. De Pelchin Faith Home provided 2,864 days of care for 23 children.

Adoption and Custody Investigations Performed by the Family Court Services

	Adoption Investigations	Custody Investigations
1980	1065	655
1979	1056	678
1978	1190	621
1977	1101	516
1976	1036	368

Expenditures:

Salaries & Fringe	\$692,966	97.14%
Equipment & Buildings	4,746	0.67%
Material & Supplies	4,633	0.65%
Travel & Transportation	729	0.10%
Services & Other	10,280	1.44%
	<hr/> \$713,354	<hr/> 100.00%

Juvenile Court and Probation Services

During 1980, 17,088 referrals, which fell within the authority of the Family Code, Title III, were made to the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department. The spectrum of referrals included all children between the ages of 10 and 17 (and through the age of 17 if on probation), who had committed felonies, misdemeanors, and status offenses.

Slightly over 60% (60.29%; N = 10,303) of the above referrals required some level of service by staff in this account, while the balance of the referrals were closed as a need for further action was not indicated. Of those referrals requiring service, there was representation by 7,609 males (73.85%), 49.31% Whites, 27.91% Blacks, 22.22% Spanish surnamed youth, and 0.56% Others. Further, the youth averaged being 14.65 years of age. It should be noted that the above 10,303 offenses were committed by 6,494 children; or stated another way, each child averaged committing 1.59 offenses.

The vast majority (96.76%) of the 10,303 referrals stemmed directly from the twenty-seven law enforcement agencies of Harris County. Actual offenses included in the above referrals were as follows: Homicide (N = 48); Rape (N = 73); Robbery (N = 232); Aggravated Assault (N = 304); Burglary/Theft (N = 3,637); Controlled Substances (N = 363); all other Delinquent offenses (N = 955); Inhalants (N = 36); all other CHINS offenses (N = 1,477); School Attendance (N = 91); Possession of Alcohol (N = 34); Runaway (N = 2,467); all other Status Offenses (N = 3); and Administrative Referrals (N = 583).

All felony referrals are forwarded to the District Attorney's Office for filing or rejection of a petition. First offender felons are considered for Informal Adjustment. This procedure provided a viable alternative to Court action for 617 children. Additional court statistics for the year were as follows: Petitions Filed (N = 2,261); Petitions Dismissed/Denied (N = 473); Delinquency Adjudications (N = 1,398); Conduct Indicating a Need for Supervision Adjudications (N = 53); Certifications to District Court (N = 41); Certifications Denied/Withdrawn/Non-Suit (N = 6); Petitions Stayed/Mentally Ill (N = 3); and finally, Petitions Stayed/Mentally Retarded (N = 13).

Of the Delinquency and CHINS adjudications cited above, 290 children were committed to the Texas Youth Council, while another 190 children received TYC/Suspended/Withheld dispositions. Eight children were placed in the conservatorship of Child Welfare authorities, and the remaining dispositions ranged from custody of the Chief Juvenile Probation Officer for an out-of-the-home placement to family custody for placement in the parental home.

Field Services supervises children on Informal Adjustment and those children determined to have Engaged In Delinquent Conduct or Conduct Indicating a Need for Supervision. This year, the section supervised 1,083 probationers and 409 children under Informal Adjustment contracts on an ongoing basis.

Expenditures:

Salaries and Fringe	\$3,531,326	91.05%
Equipment and Buildings	30,505	0.79%
Materials and Supplies	70,243	1.81%
Travel and Transportation	55,687	1.44%
Services and Other	190,386	4.91%
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	\$3,878,147	100.00%

Child Support

The Child Support Division insures the timely receipt and disbursement of all court-ordered support payments. In 1980 Harris County received child support payments in connection with 54,880 divorce and separation cases. Payments received amounted to \$40,633,594 in 1980. Records of these payments were kept for the Courts and payments were disbursed to the recipients.

Historical and Present Support Collections:

Year	Active Cases*	Annual Support Collections
1935	360	\$ 18,564
1945	1,673	358,294
1955	3,551	2,111,716
1965	10,837	8,031,345
1975	18,761	25,551,819
1977	31,336	29,887,246
1978	41,820	33,868,400
1979	50,310	38,868,400
1980	54,880	40,633,594

Expenditures:

Salaries and Fringe	\$462,854	81.384%
Equipment and Buildings	33,515	5.893%
Materials and Supplies	59,703	10.498%
Travel and Transportation	820	0.144%
Services and Other	11,837	2.081%
	<u>\$568,729</u>	<u>100.000%</u>

*The term "active cases" refers to those cases on which a payment has been received within the last six months.

Child Support Enforcement

Child Support Enforcement establishes parent-child relationships in order to provide dependent children with financial support in lieu of Aid to Families with Dependent Children (A.F.D.C.) support. This division then enforces the financial support obligations established. Child Support Enforcement is mandated by federal regulations, Section IV-D under the Social Security Act and functions in a fiduciary capacity with the Texas Department of Human Relations under a cooperative agreement between Harris County Commissioners Court and the Texas Department of Human Resources. Under provisions of Public Law 93-647, the division accepts certain Non-Public Assistance (N.P.A.) cases.

1980 Summary of Activities

A.F.D.C. and N.P.A. Referrals	9,350
A.F.D.C. and N.P.A. Cases Filed	1,428
A.F.D.C. and N.P.A. Cases Heard	2,061
Established Paternity Cases	58

The Child Support Enforcement Program is totally self-supporting. In 1980 collections exceeded expenditures in the amount of \$134,548.

1980 Enforcement Expenditures

Expenditures:

Salaries and Fringe	\$664,691	77.51%
Equipment and Buildings	7,246	0.84%
Materials and Supplies	32,552	3.80%
Travel and Transportation	23,057	2.69%
Services and Other	<u>130,018</u>	<u>15.16%</u>
	\$857,564	100.00%

The Juvenile Detention Home

The Juvenile Detention Home is in operation to serve the needs of any juvenile in Harris County that requires secure custody. The Juvenile Detention Home is a twenty-four hour total care facility. Children between the ages of 10 and 17 are detained for a variety of reasons, as defined by the Juvenile Code of Texas.

When children are placed in the Detention Home, they receive a Detention Hearing within 48 hours. Subsequent hearings are held every 10 days until the child is either released or there is a disposition of the case. Detention Hearings are held 5 days a week by a judge or referee.

In 1981, architectural plans will be completed and construction begun for renovation and additions to the Juvenile Detention Home. Plans include increasing the total bed space from 79 to 170 with special units for assessment and units for children requiring specialized care. Also included are 2 mini-gymnasiums, 16 multi-purpose rooms, and 2 media centers.

Expenditures:

Salaries and Fringe	\$1,144,231	78.37%
Equipment and Buildings	15,888	1.09%
Materials and Supplies	201,277	13.78%
Travel and Transportation	9,858	0.67%
Services and Other	88,868	6.09%
	<u>\$1,460,122</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

Burnett-Bayland Home

Burnett-Bayland Home is a licensed, residential child care facility serving children with a variety of needs. The children range in age from 6 to 17, with the average age being 13.1 years. Children placed at Burnett-Bayland Home are referred by the three District Courts (Juvenile Trial Division), and Harris County Child Welfare.

Burnett-Bayland Home provides children in care with an integrated program that endeavors to create a home-like environment, enhanced by a well-rounded community based social, academic, and recreational program. Children are encouraged to participate in a wide range of community activities. These activities include public school participation, vocational training, relative affiliation, sports, dance, and a variety of social activities.

This is a deinstitutionalization philosophy designed to interact between the community and the home with hopes that the children in care will be better prepared for their own independence and success in society.

In 1980, a total of 161 children were provided services. The average daily population was 62 children, with females comprising 50.3% of this total. The cost per day for care of these children was \$33.66.

Expenditures:

Salaries and Fringe	\$ 752,780	64.35%
Equipment and Buildings	9,266	0.79%
Materials and Supplies	273,443	23.37%
Travel and Transportation	16,678	1.43%
Services and Other	117,671	10.06%
	<u>\$1,169,838</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

Harris County Youth Village

The Harris County Youth Village is a twenty-four hour residential child care facility operated by the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department. The residents/students have all been adjudicated as having Engaged In Delinquent Conduct and have been placed in the custody of the Chief Juvenile Probation Officer for a period of up to one year. The average length of stay was from nine to twelve months.

The Harris County Youth Village strives to achieve remediation and modification of delinquent behavior patterns. The attainment of this mission hinges upon the completion of multi-intrdependent objectives. The holistic approach is emphasized at the Harris County Youth Village in the following areas of care: residential, medical, educational, social-recreational, and casework services. In 1980, a total of 281 students were provided services with 170 of these being new residents. The average daily population was 111.

During 1981, the program of psychological services offered by the facility will be expanded by the addition of a clinical psychologist on campus from one day to two days per week. Funds for these services are provided by the Youth Village (1 day) and Houston Independent School District (1 day). One of the first objectives of the psychologist is implementation of an entry-release personality assessment program.

Plans for 1981 include expansion of the tutorial program to further meet the educational needs of the students. Additionally, expansion of the vocational program to include welding during the 1981-82 school year is being studied.

Expenditures:

Salaries and Fringe	\$ 934,175	63.80%
Equipment and Buildings	20,032	1.37%
Materials and Supplies	267,003	18.23%
Travel and Transportation	16,875	1.15%
Services and Other	226,222	15.45%
	<u>\$1,464,307</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

Comprehensive Child Care Services

This division is comprised of four areas of service: Direct Placement, Facilities Development, Comprehensive Health Care, and Forensic Services. The goal is to provide an avenue for the most comprehensive evaluation and treatment plan that the probation officer can recommend to the Court in providing an opportunity to the child for rehabilitative endeavors.

Comprehensive Child Care Services are provided to those children coming within the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court. Medical and dental services are purchased outside the department. In March 1980, the Forensic Clinic was created at the Juvenile Probation Department in a cooperative effort between Juvenile Probation and the Mental Health Mental Retardation Authority of Harris County. This Clinic offers comprehensive diagnostic services to assist Juvenile Probation Officers in providing information for Court summaries.

In addition there are contractual services with Harris County Department of Education for psycho-educational services, Texas Research Institute for Mental Sciences for neurologicals and EEG's, Child Guidance Service of Houston for family evaluations and resources available that can provide any other medical service deemed necessary.

Since its inception on March 1, 1980, the Forensic Clinic performed 275 Psychologicals, 163 Psychiatric, 62 Family Evaluations, 64 Preliminary Initial Screenings, 463 Case Staffings, 25 Mental Retardation Screenings, and 5 Mental Health Screenings. The clinic also completed required testing relevant to 13 Mental Retardation Petitions/ Applications, 3 Mental Health Petitions/ Applications and 44 Certifications.

Direct Placement Services provides guidance and assistance to the probation officer in developing the best possible treatment plan. This could be from a special program while remaining in the parental home to removal from the home and placement in residential or institutional care. In 1980, 245 children were placed in out-of-the-home facilities.

Facilities Development is a unit designed to develop new facilities or explore available programs and services and relate this information to probation officers for their use. This unit also evaluates existing programs, services, and facilities, so as to maintain a high quality of care for children coming within the District Courts' (Juvenile Trial Division) jurisdiction. There is also constant monitoring of the two facilities operated by TRIAD for the placement of delinquents as well as other related programs.

Expenditures:

Salaries & Fringe	\$ 289,963	28.451%
Equipment & Buildings	801	0.079%
Material & Supplies	547,096	53.682%
Travel & Transportation	94	0.009%
Services & Other	181,192	17.779%
	<u>\$1,019,146</u>	<u>100.000%</u>

FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS

Federal and State juvenile justice funding sources contribute to many unique and innovative programs operated by the Department. In 1980, \$637,185 were received from the State of Texas, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration.

1980 Grant Awards	Amount
<p>1. Comprehensive Diagnosis, Evaluation and Treatment This grant provides funds to contract with a clinical psychologist and two family therapists. The Psychologist is responsible for coordinating all clinical aspects of services delivered to children referred to the Probation Department. The therapists provide family and individual therapy for children placed at the two County institutions</p>	\$ 41,059
<p>2. Delinquency Prevention Training Project This grant provides funds for a comprehensive in-service training program for the Probation Department staff and other agencies in the Houston-Galveston area</p>	\$ 41,674
<p>3. Community Youth Services - Phase II This project provides for the purchase of alternatives to detention for status offenders through a contract with a private agency for emergency shelter care</p>	\$ 98,263
<p>4. Diversion Impact Project This project is designed to divert status offenders from unnecessary entrance into or continuation in the juvenile justice system. Family counseling and Crisis Hot-Line services are available for these youth through contracts with private agencies</p>	\$132,291
<p>5. Comprehensive Intake and Pre-Detention Diversion This project provides funds to expand the Department's Intake staff. The responsibility of this additional staff is to divert, through referral and counseling services, those children who should not be placed in the Detention Home</p>	\$105,385
<p>6. Juvenile Case Screening The purpose of this grant is to provide funds to employ an attorney and a secretary. The attorney reviews juvenile offenses for probable cause and whether the conditions of arrest and the facts of the investigation will allow prosecution</p>	\$ 45,620

7. **Court Volunteer Services**
This grant provides funds to contract services for staff to recruit, screen and train volunteers. The volunteers provide service to children on a one-to-one basis in the Detention Home \$ 20,296
8. **Supportive Treatment Project**
This project provides funds to place family therapists in each of the five Community Unit Probation Service offices and two of the County institutions \$131,537
9. **Juvenile Probation Word Processing System**
This equipment grant provides funds for the Probation Department to purchase a word processing system \$ 21,060
- TOTAL: \$637,185

SUMMARY OF 1980 EXPENDITURES

In 1980, the Harris County Commissioners Court authorized expenditures from the General Tax Revenue Fund amounting to \$11,131,207 for the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department. The expenditure level for each of the Department's accounts was as follows:

Accounts	Expenditures	Percentage of Expenditures
Family Court Services	\$ 713,354	6.41%
Juvenile Court & Probation	3,878,147	34.84%
Child Support	568,729	5.11%
Child Support Enforcement	857,564	7.70%
Juvenile Detention Home	1,460,122	13.12%
Burnett-Bayland Home	1,169,838	10.51%
Harris County Youth Village	1,464,307	13.15%
Comprehensive		
Child Care Services	<u>1,019,146</u>	<u>9.16%</u>
	\$11,131,207	100.00%

In addition to the above monies (\$11,131,207), the Department received grant awards amounting to \$637,185 from the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, the State of Texas, and the Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention making the 1980 expenditures total \$11,768,392.

TOTAL 1980 EXPENDITURES

\$11,768,392

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